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## **OLR Bill Analysis**

**HB 5335**

### ***AN ACT PROHIBITING THE POSSESSION AND STORAGE OF FRACKING BY-PRODUCTS.***

#### **SUMMARY:**

This bill bans possessing or storing any waste by-product of hydraulic fracturing (i.e., fracking). It authorizes the energy and environmental protection (DEEP) commissioner to enforce the ban under his general powers, which include issuing cease and desist orders.

The bill defines (1) “hydraulic fracturing” as the process of pumping fluid into or under the ground to fracture rock to produce or recover oil or gas and (2) “waste by-product” as any material produced or generated from hydraulic fracturing, including waste water, drilling mud, hydraulic oil, diesel fuel, additives, and flowback.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

#### **BACKGROUND**

##### ***Related Bill***

sHB 6533, favorably reported by the Energy and Technology Committee, bans until July 1, 2014 (1) treating, discharging, disposing, or storing fracking waste; (2) using fracking waste to manufacture anything; and (3) selling anything with fracking waste in it. It allows the DEEP commissioner to adopt regulations on the fracking waste ban and requires DEEP to issue a report on fracking waste by February 1, 2014.

#### **COMMITTEE ACTION**

Environment Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 20 Nay 8 (03/27/2013)